

The 21st Century Communities Human Services Assessment

The questions included in this assessment are designed to help you look more closely at issues regarding tourist-related infrastructure issues in your community as you enter the 21st Century. We encourage you to visit Project Rosie where you can access additional information regarding tourism.

We express our appreciation to _____ for serving as our team leader in developing the Human Services Assessment. If you have questions about Human Services which are not answered here or recommendations for this assessment, feel free to contact her by email at _____@state.ut.us

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<u>Located In</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
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Part 1: A 21st Century Community will engage in community planning to ensure the availability of adequate resources to deal with the problems related to and prevention of mental illness, abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, disabilities, and aging.

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 st Plan
Does the community have a mechanism to plan for community human service programs that address the unique and diverse needs of the community?			
Does the community planning network (council) have a membership that is representative of the community population, in addition to representation from state and local agencies?			
Does the community have a comprehensive plan that enhances the quality of life, fosters self reliance, strengthens families, protects its members from abuse, neglect or exploitation, and prevents its member from harm?			
Does the community assess growth projections for its youth, family, and adult populations and the adequacy of local resources?			
Does the community consider the need for facilities to serve its elderly, disabled, delinquent, abused, mentally ill, and substance abusing citizens?			
Does the community inventory available resources and conduct an assessment of needed resources for human service programs?			

Part 2: A 21st Century Community will have facilities, expert staff, and identified referral resources that allow for the provision of a comprehensive array of treatment services for people who have disabilities, individuals who have been abused or neglected, people with mental illness, persons who are substance abusing, youth who are delinquent, and/or adults who are aged.

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Does the community have a means of transportation for people with disabilities, people whose age no longer permits them to drive, and other members of the community who must rely on alternative forms of transportation within and beyond the community?			
Does the community have mental illness and substance abuse services that are provided within the larger context of managed care in a competitive market?			
Are programs for youth in the custody of the State in near enough proximity that the parents of youth can effectively assist in their child's rehabilitation?			
Is your community served with a user friendly information and referral network available to all community members?			
Is your community served with an array of child abuse and neglect prevention resources that include prenatal programs and services for children of all ages -- infancy through adolescence? Examples of potentially needed resources are: prenatal parent education programs (hospital or health clinic based), crisis respite and crisis nurseries (including resources for children with health problems and disabilities), parenting education classes, home visitors, peer parenting, parent support groups, after school/latch key programs, youth and teen programs, including youth councils, sports and recreation and service-oriented programs.			
Is your community served with adequate resources to gain self reliance for families struggling with low incomes, poverty, or unemployment?			

Does your community have adequate services for victims of domestic violence, their children and the battering partner? Those services will involve the support of a community network (such as Coalitions), access to protective orders that are recognized and enforced by law enforcement and the judicial system, a support system in order for victims and children to remain in their own homes, shelters/safe houses, support groups, counseling resources, mediation resources, and visitation exchange centers.			
Is your community served with adequate facilities for children who are temporarily removed from their natural homes, with support services to assist in facilitating reunification or rehabilitation? Examples of facilities would be temporary shelter facilities, foster homes, holding facilities, residential group homes, etc.			
Does the community have adequate resources for providing a range of services to disabled and senior community members that takes into consideration technological, medical, and social advances?			
Is your community served with an adequate array of services for seniors across all economic strata that provides a full range of services including but not limited to, meals, recreation, health and fitness, participation in cultural activities, travel, etc.?			
Does your community provide employment and training options for seniors and disabled community members who want or need to be employed? Are the training and employment opportunities stimulating and designed to meet the unique needs, such as flexible hours, short shifts, job share, assistive devices, etc.?			
Does the community have an organization for opportunities for volunteerism, providing updated information to community residents about identified areas of need, an organization for the recruitment and training of volunteers, a method for assigning and supervision of volunteers and a method for recognition of volunteers?			

Part 3: A 21st Century Community will accept people with human service problems and their families as fully enfranchised members of the community by creating inclusive facilities, activities, and organizations.

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Does the community have inclusive facilities and organizations that accommodate citizens who utilize human service programs and services that recognize cultural and linguistic diversity?			
Does the community elect or appoint citizens utilizing human service programs to community boards, councils, and other leadership positions?			
Is at least 20% of the publicly-funded housing physically accessible and otherwise suited to the needs of people with disabilities?			
Does the community have adequate recreational activities for youth?			

Part 4 : A 21st Century Community will demonstrate with clear evidence the effectiveness of the human services programs delivered in the community.

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Do the human service programs in the community have a positive effect on the citizens they serve by demonstrating an improvement in quality of life, or a reduction in stress causing symptoms, or an increase in the level of functioning?			